

California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board Open Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2006 Board Meeting

The California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (Board) convened its meeting in open session at the call of Rosario Marin, Secretary, State and Consumer Services Agency, at the First Floor Hearing Room, 630 "K" Street, Sacramento, California, on Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 10:07 a.m. Also present were Board members Windie Scott, Deputy State Controller, acting for and in the absence of Steve Westly, Controller, and Michael Ramos, San Bernardino District Attorney.

Board staff present included Karen McGagin, Executive Officer; Tom O'Connor, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Kathleen Andleman, Chief Counsel; and Linda Paluda, Manager, Government Claims Program. Lola Odunlami, Board Liaison, recorded the meeting.

The Board meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1. Minutes for May 18, 2006 Board Meeting and Revised Minutes of April 20, 2006 Board Meeting

The board voted to adopt the revised minute of the April 20, 2006 Board meeting. The Board also voted to adopt the minutes of the May 18, 2006 Board Meeting.

Item 2. Public Comment

The Board opened the meeting for public comment. No public comment was offered.

Item 3. Executive Officer's Statement

Karen McGagin gave her report to the Board which included the following information:

- The Governor sent a letter to the California Congressional delegation urging them to oppose the federal budget proposal to rescind VOCA (Victim of Crimes Act) funds.
- Working with the State Controller's Office, the Government Claims Program has implemented a direct transfer process for surcharges from State agencies per legislative authority.
- The Board's new claims processing project CaRES is set to live June 30, 2006.
- VCGCB relocation to new headquarters at 400 R Street in Sacramento November 2006.
- VCGCB's implementation of Cooperative Personnel Services' recommendation to reclassify VCS positions to Staff Services Analyst positions, and subject to successful examination results, VCS supervisors to Associate Governmental Program Analyst positions.

The Chairperson, in response to the Executive Officer's report on the CaRES system, encouraged a goal of 50 percent reduction in claim processing time. She commended staff for the efforts in making the system a reality, adding that the example set by VCBCB will be worthy of emulation by other departments.

Board Member Michael Ramos briefed the Board on the current status of the proposal to rescind the VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) reserve fund.

Government Compensation Program

Item 4. Consent Agenda

The Board voted to adopt staff recommendations for items 1-128 and 130 -134 with the exception of item number 129, which was continued to the August 17, 2006 Board Meeting.

Item 5. Bay Alarm Company

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Jill Ledden, Facilities Support Manager, Field Operations Division and Merilee Keene, Chief of Staff, Field Operations Division, appeared on behalf of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendation to allow the claim.

Item 6. County Special Elections Claims for 2005

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendation to reimburse Sacramento County in the sum of \$410, 838.34; Orange County in the sum of \$947,404.77; and Los Angeles County in the sum of \$337,410.45.

Item 7. Request for Increase in Delegation of Authority to Approve Applications for Discharge from Accountability by the Office of the Controller

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendation.

Item 8. Request by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for Extension of Delegated Authority (Gov Code sec. 935.6)

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendation.

**Item 9. Protest of MGG, LLC.
Invitation for Bid No 53904**

Steven A. McGee, Senior Staff Counsel, appeared on behalf of the Department of General Services. Claimant Marshall Graves also appeared.

The Board voted to adopt the proposed decision to dismiss the protest without further hearing.

**Item 10. Protest of Comade, Inc.
Invitation for Bid No. 5024**

Steven A. McGee, Senior Staff Counsel, appeared on behalf of the Department of General Services.

The Board voted to adopt the proposed decision to dismiss the protest without further hearing.

Victim Compensation Program

The Board commenced the Victim Compensation Program portion of the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Item 11. Contracts Report

The Executive Officer delivered her contract report to the Board.

Item 12. Legislative Report

Deputy Executive Officer Pamela Schneider delivered her legislative report to the Board.

Item 13. Statistical Data Report and Payment Trends

Deputy Executive Officer Ted Boughton delivered his statistical data payment trends report to the Board.

Item 14. Consent Agenda

Numbers 1-34 The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendations.

Item 15. Reconsiderations

Numbers 35-57 The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendations to deny the requests for reconsideration.

Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code sections 11126(c)(3) and 11126(e), the Board adjourned into Closed Session with the Board's Executive Officer, Chief Deputy Executive Officer, and Chief Counsel at 11:15a.m. to deliberate on the proposed decisions doe agenda item numbers 58 through 86 and to confer with and receive advice from legal counsel regarding pending litigation.

The Board reconvened into open session at 11:23 a.m.

Open Session

The Board voted to adopt the proposed decisions.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Karen McGagin
Executive Officer

I certify that the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board adopted these minutes at its meeting of August 31, 2006, at Sacramento, California.

Date: August 31, 2006

By: _____
Lola O. Odunlami
Board Liaison

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